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11 more killed in S. African violence

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African authorities yesterday reported that 11 people had been killed in politically related violence during the previous 24 hours, the highest daily toll since a state of emergency was imposed Thursday.

Bureau of Information spokesman Leon Mellet said the 11 had been killed in "isolated incidents," most of them in the Eastern Cape — four by security forces and seven in "black-on-black" violence. The deaths brought to at least 41 the number killed since the imposition of emergency measures.

The government announcement came as black workers returned to their jobs after a mass 24-hour strike commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Soweto uprising that brought most economic activity to a halt in the major cities of Johannesburg, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Pretoria. The effects were less marked in Durban.

One monitoring group estimated that 1.5 million blacks stayed away from work but with hundreds of thousands of blacks employed in the informal sector, the actual figure was probably much higher. White schools also reported absenteeism as high as 55 per cent as parents kept their children at home in anticipation of violence.

Earlier, the Bureau of Information had said there had been no deaths Monday in Soweto, the black township south of here, during a massive security force clampdown to stamp out violence for the Soweto anniversary.

Independent verification of the official figures has been prevented by tough press restrictions, including bans on reports of security force action and on the presence of journalists in areas of "unrest."

Mellet said three blacks had been shot dead by police while petrol-bombing police vehicles, and a fourth while police were trying to separate two groups fighting each other.

Top of the morning news had been a report that a burial in South Africa was postponed after a bomb was placed around their necks and set alight.

He said his bureau was investigating reports by local and foreign journalists that may have contravened the press curbs, but added that the curbs had already produced "more confidence in South Africa" abroad.

Dutch cameraman Wim de Vos of the American CBS network, who had lived in South Africa for 11 years, was whisked away from the Sijmame Court in Johannesburg and taken to the airport yesterday after an urgent application to leave his expedition order deferred was dismissed with costs.

The South African government also expelled four West German citizens from the country. Mellet said the authorities were considering consular access to foreigners arrested during a police swoop last week, when up to 2,000 people were believed detained.

Journalists at the press conference greeted with dissonant Mellet's assertion that telephones had been cut off in black areas Monday because of "technical problems," and not as part of an attempt to seal off information.

In London, Amnesty International said yesterday that South African police arrested an entire congregation of more than 200 people at a church service Sunday in Cape Town.

A spokesman for the London-based human rights organization said the arrests occurred at St. Nicholas Church. He said the Anglican church building was being used by members of the Dutch Reformed Church Mission, most of whom are of mixed race.

The authorities gave no reason for the arrests, but that it appeared the action was taken under the country's newly imposed state of emergency.

White House officials yesterday announced that President Reagan had sent a personal message to South African President P.W. Botha last week urging an end to Pretoria's emergency measures, but his appeal was rejected.

The message was delivered by U.S. Ambassador Herman Nickel, the officials said.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe yesterday committed his country to further measures against South Africa but declined to say what they would be or when they might be imposed.

Faced with firm and repeated rejections for sanctions from Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the Labour leader Neil Kinnock has tabled a motion calling on the government, "in view of the worsening situation in South Africa... to work actively with the European Economic Community, the Commonwealth and the United Nations for the imposition of effective economic measures against the government of South Africa."

Observers said his carefully worded motion was designed to capture votes from dissenting Conservatives.



Desecrated holy books are readied for burial on the roof of the yeshiva in Ramat Hahayal yesterday, prior to being taken to Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul cemetery. (Andre Brummann)

Thousands gather to bury desecrated books

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As thousands of Orthodox and sympathizers gathered in the Ramat Hahayal quarter here yesterday for the burial of the books and holy objects desecrated in an attack on a local yeshiva, one of their leaders told them not to seek revenge.

"Revenge is not the way," said Rabbi Pinchas Alter, the brother of the deceased Govev robbie who was too ill to attend the ceremony. Instead, Alter told the mourners they must go out and teach, and perhaps the miscreants who had committed the outrage would repent.

The crowd was composed mostly of *hassidim*, but on the fringes were a number of local residents who had gathered to express their sympathy and solidarity.

"They are excellent neighbors," one woman told *The Jerusalem Post*. "In all the time they have been here there has never been any friction."

But another neighbor, himself religious, expressed his concern that the *Gur hassidim's* decision to hold a large public funeral for the books, which were desecrated on Thursday night, apparently by anti-religious fanatics. "Look at all the camera crews. Tomorrow this will be on the news all over the world. That's all the *goyim* need," he said.

As the remains of the books, collected into clay jars, stood on a platform overlooking the crowd, Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yedidya Frankel said that in the 40 years that the yeshiva had existed, not one student had committed an act of violence.

But despite the expressions of sorrow, the atmosphere in the tree-lined quarter was far from lugubrious. Religious and secular children ran back and forth in the mostly black-coated crowd. A small girl dressed in a T-shirt and shorts, which would have elicited a reprimand had she walked into an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Jerusalem, wandered among the men with no one taking any notice.

More than one speaker acknowledged — in his own interpretation — the link between the ultra-Orthodox struggle against "Jew" pictures in bus-shelter advertisements and the attack on the yeshiva. "Those who erected the satirical posters cannot come before us and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood,'" said Bnai Brak Rabbi Moshe Yehuda Landau.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Arafat had drafted a joint communiqué, but that Arafat had given him *carte blanche* to modify it in light of current developments.

A number of Likud, Tehiya and Alignment Knesset members demanded action yesterday to prevent more meetings between Israelis and PLO functionaries.

Mi'ari said that after his first meeting with Arafat, the police had conducted a superficial and formal investigation which had been quickly dropped. He said he had told the police that he had nothing to hide and that he preferred to make public everything that had gone on at the meeting.

"Of course if a new law is passed prohibiting meetings between Israelis and PLO functionaries, it will be a whole new ball game," he said.

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The HMS Lowestoft, a navy frigate, is hit (top) by the new submarine-launched Tigerfish torpedo, and sinks (below). These pictures, taken during joint U.S.-British test firing exercises in the North Atlantic, were released yesterday.

(Reuters telephoto)

MK Mi'ari tells of his talks with Arafat

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent
MK Mohammed Mi'ari (Progressive Peace List) revealed yesterday that he had met PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunis for the second time in 18 months, during the Muslim Id al-Fitr festival last week.

Arafat told Mi'ari that he was ready to carry on meeting Israelis for a peace dialogue in a bid to break the deadlock resulting from American and Israeli policies which deny recognition of the PLO.

A good part of the conversations had covered the attempts by the governments of Jordan and Israel to by-pass the PLO, Mi'ari told *The Jerusalem Post*. Jordan and Israel are harassing the Palestinians in the occupied areas, Mi'ari said.

The Arab MK said that although Arafat had not complained about harassment of PLO institutions in Jordan, he had been concerned by the repressive measures against individual West Bankers identified with the PLO.

Mi'ari said that Arafat had been at least as interested as he was in arranging the meeting, if not more, as a result of recent international and Arab world developments that have affected the PLO's position.

Mi'ari told *The Post* that he and



Mohammed Mi'ari (Outbman)

A group that has claimed responsibility for painting indecent pictures and anti-religious slogans in ultra-Orthodox Jerusalem neighborhoods said yesterday it had decided to stop its activities.

"Terror against Haredim" said in a handwritten statement to newspapers that it hoped that ending its activities "would encourage the ultra-Orthodox to stop their violence." The statement said the decision had been taken in the wake of Premier Peres's speech on religious-secular relations on Monday.

On Monday night vandals broke into the Morasha religious school in Ashdod and painted the Hebrew acronym for "Terror against Haredim" on a wall.

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Katyushas land in the Galilee

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Several 122mm. katyusha rockets were fired into Galilee early yesterday morning. No one was hurt and only light damage was caused.

The katyushas have a range of over 20km., according to local sources, and were, therefore, probably fired from beyond the security zone in South Lebanon, it is believed.

South Lebanon sources said yesterday that katyushas had also fallen near a South Lebanon Army position in the village of Taibe. The sources noted that several units of the extremist Shi'ite Hizbollah movement had arrived recently in areas north of the security zone, having fled from fighting against Syrian troops in the Bekaa Valley.

The sources said that local Amal commanders had warned Hizbollah not to engage in hostile activities against Israel, but Hizbollah had apparently disregarded the warning.

Snakes besiege trapped motorist

PAWNEE, Oklahoma (AFP). — A woman who spent more than two days trapped in the wreckage of her car after it plunged into a ravine was discovered by her brother in relatively good health.

Carolyn Bowman, 45, was taken to hospital suffering from bruises, sunstroke and dehydration.

After trying unsuccessfully to get out of the vehicle, Bowman found that a colony of snakes were trying to get in. She spent her time "shoving things into holes" to keep out the snakes, her brother said.

Complaint termed diversion from real GSS case

Likud MKs want police probe of Zamir 'leaks'

By BENNY MORRIS
and ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Correspondents

In a fresh twist to the General Security Service affair, two Likud MKs complained to the police and to Attorney-General Yosef Harish yesterday that former attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir had violated the penal code by leaking secret information to the media.

Meanwhile, Harish indicated that he might not order any investigation of the allegations against the head of the GSS and his aides, who are said to have killed two captured Arab terrorist suspects in 1984 and to have subsequently organized a systematic cover-up.

Zamir yesterday described the Likud MKs' complaints as a "diversionary" tactic aimed at shifting the focus of public interest from the GSS to himself. "I won't play their game. I won't argue with them," Zamir said, adding that there was no basis

for the "excitement" surrounding the MKs' complaints.

MK Michael Eitan and a group of 12 lawyers yesterday filed a criminal complaint against Zamir at Jerusalem police headquarters, arguing that he had violated Article 117 of the penal code by publishing information on the GSS affair which he had garnered in the course of his duties.

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MK Ehud Olmert, in a formal complaint to Harish, said that Zamir had published "secret details... concerning his contacts with Yitzhak Shamir and... Shimon Peres." Olmert alleged that Zamir had also given reporters "misleading information" by saying that GSS chief Avraham Shalom had ordered the execution of the two captured terrorists and that "several GSS men had lynched them."

Eitan's and Olmert's complaints related to information Zamir reportedly gave legal affairs reporters

at a farewell reception on Monday. Zamir said that everything he had told the reporters "had been published before, save for a few anecdotes. The fact is that the military censor passed everything published. There were no secrets involved, but obviously some of the things I said have caused discomfort to some people." Some of the statements attributed to him were inaccurate, he said.

In a formal statement of rebuttal of Olmert's charges, Zamir said that no damage had been done to the state by anything he had said at the reception. However, the GSS affair raises serious questions of principle... and the public has the right to know, indeed, must know the main facts concerning (the affair).

Harish said yesterday that "there will be no whitewash of the affair." He was reacting to charges that he intended to bow to the wishes of the inner cabinet majority and to rescind the instructions to the police, issued by Zamir before his ouster earlier this month, to investigate the GSS affair.

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Shahal argues in legal brief:

Harish can't halt police action

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Minister Moshe Shahal, a leading lawyer, in a closely reasoned legal paper, has asserted that Attorney-General Yosef Harish has no legal right to withdraw the complaint to the police lodged by his predecessor, Yitzhak Zamir. The complaint is against the head of the General Security Service and concerns the alleged cover-up of the killing of two captured Arab terrorists by the GSS in 1984.

The paper has been submitted to Harish and to Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

According to the six-page paper, entitled "Investigating Team," once

the attorney-general has ordered the police to investigate a serious crime, "that instruction is irreversible... (and) has set in motion an irreversible process (as when a complainant withdraws a complaint, it does not cause a cessation of the police investigation)." The obligation of the police to continue the investigation is not cancelled or superseded "even if the attorney-general requests that his instruction be reversed."

Shahal asserts that the police, and the police alone, are able by law to investigate serious crimes — and the crimes alleged to have been committed by the GSS chiefs are serious crimes. Such crimes, adds Shahal, by law "must be investigated" by the

police, once the police have *prima facie* evidence that they have been committed.

GSS chief Avraham Shalom and his senior aides are alleged to have killed two captured Arab terrorists and subsequently to have systematically falsified evidence and suborned witnesses.

Shahal dismisses the legal possibility of the attorney-general himself investigating the allegations against the GSS or of a probe by a special committee so charged by the relevant minister.

The law does not give the attorney-general investigative powers, says Shahal. As to the second

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In Pollard espionage scandal

Israel won't block probe of Sella

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Visiting Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday said that three of the four Israeli officials implicated in the Jonathan Jay Pollard espionage scandal had to face "administrative trials" and had been "fired on the spot" from their government jobs once it had become clear that they had spied on the U.S.

He insisted that the three Israeli officials — Rafael Eitan, the veteran intelligence operative who was in charge of the Pollard operation; Yosef Yagur, the science attaché at the Israeli Consulate in New York

who served as Pollard's "handler"; and Irit Erb, a secretary at the Israeli Embassy in Washington — had violated Israeli government policy and had been "punished" as a result.

"You don't try people twice," he said when asked whether the three would again be questioned in connection with the case. "We have punished them. They were fired from their jobs."

Moda'i said that it was up to the chief of general staff to determine whether to punish the fourth Israeli official named in the U.S. District Court's indictment of Pollard — Brig. Gen. Aviam Sella, who was Pollard's first contact.

The justice minister said that the Israeli government would have no objections if Sella — like the other Israeli officials implicated in the case — agreed to be questioned by the U.S. investigators. But so far, he said, the U.S. has not sought to interview Sella.

Moda'i said he was not sure that the Israeli government knew of Sella's early role in the Pollard operation when the team of American investigators first came to Israel last December. He said that Sella had been a student in New York in 1984 and had "volunteered" his services to Eitan's special intelligence unit while on leave from the air force.

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Achille Lauro hijack trial to open in Italy

GENOA, Italy (AFP). — The trial begins here today of 16 people variously accused in connection with the October 7 hijacking of the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro off Egypt, and the death of disabled American Jewish passenger Leon Klinghoffer, 69.

The 41-hour hijack drama was later heightened by the interception by four U.S. F-14 fighters of a Tunis-bound Egyptian Boeing 737, which was carrying the terrorists and was forced to land at Nato's Sogonella base in Sicily.

Five of the 16 are detained, including three of the four hijackers, the fourth being a juvenile who will not appear in the trial. A sixth has been released on bail, and 10 are at large and will be tried in absentia.

The latter include the main magistrates alleged-organized the operation — Palestine Liberation Front leader Abu Abbas, who was allowed by the Italian government to fly to Belgrade after helping to negotiate an end to the hijack.

Italy took its decision despite the protests from the U.S., which had sought his arrest. Abbas is now accused of complicity in murder.

The four with Abbas on the Boeing were Majid al-Molki, 24, said to have led the terrorists, Ahmad al-Asadi, 24, said to have now "repented," Ibrahim Abdellatif, 21, and Bassam al-Ashkar, a minor in October.

Facing trial with the first three are two men arrested on Italian soil.

They are Mohammed Abbas Issa, 25, a cousin of Abu Abbas, charged with bringing arms into Italy from Tunis, and arrested here before the Achille Lauro sailed from Genoa, and a Palestinian, Mowfaq Said Gaudana, arrested in Rome.

A sixth accused, Youssef Ismail, was released on bail after being arrested at a Rome camping site.

The 16 are variously charged, in 30 pages, with some 20 offences including ship hijacking, murder, concealment of a body, kidnapping, wound-

ing, threats, and participation in an armed gang.

The Achille Lauro was seized by four men off the Egyptian coast on October 7, while en route to Port Said after disembarking several hundred passengers at Alexandria.

Amid frantic negotiations after the hijackers demanded the release of 50 Palestinians held in Israel, and threatened to kill the passengers, it headed for Syria, which refused entry into its northern port of Tartus.

Abu Abbas, the "mediator" appointed by Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat urged the terrorists to return to Egypt and surrender, guaranteeing their safety.

The terrorists left the ship in an Egyptian launch on October 9, and the Egyptian airliner was intercepted the next day.

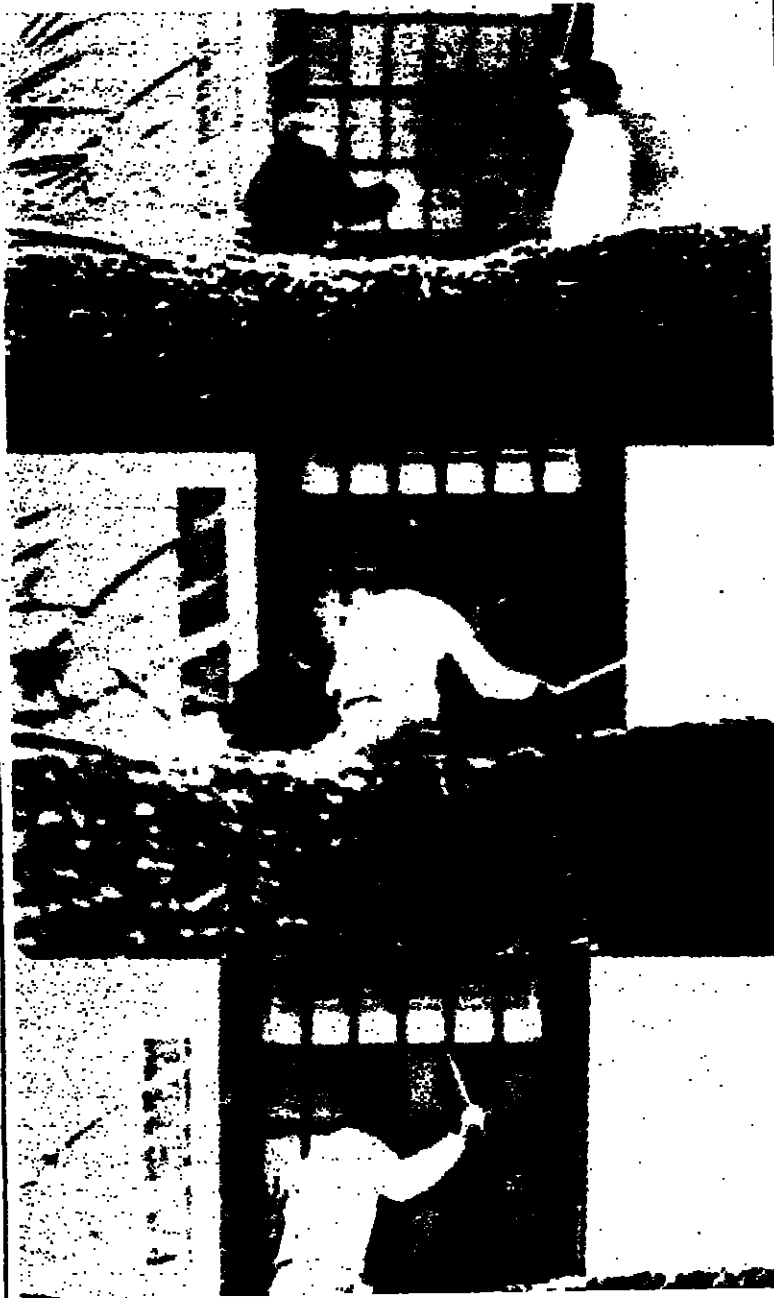
It also became apparent that Klinghoffer, who had been in a wheelchair, was dead, when his body was later washed up on the Syrian coast. According to a U.S. post mortem on October 16, the body carried two bullet wounds in the head.

Abu Abbas said some days after the hijack the terrorists originally had been ordered on a suicide mission to Ashdod, but were forced to seize the ship after their arms were discovered on board.

In New York, the daughters of Klinghoffer say they yearn to see the men charged with the attack punished. Lisa and Lisa Klinghoffer said yesterday they were "confident that the Italian authorities share our view of the heinous crimes involved."

"We are hoping to see justice done to the criminals who murdered our father in cold blood. They are pirates, hostage takers and murderers. We would expect that they be prosecuted and found guilty and punished to the full extent of the law. Nothing less is acceptable."

Klinghoffer's wife, Marilyn, was also among the hostages. She died of cancer earlier this year.



Anti-apartheid demonstrator Kirsti Valiaho is beaten to the ground with a stick by a South African embassy official in Canberra, Monday after she scaled a wall and smashed two embassy windows. Australia yesterday expelled the official, administrative attaché J. Alberts, whose behaviour was described as "unacceptable by Australian standards and could not be tolerated." The incident occurred during a demonstration by 200 protesters. Valiaho was charged with causing damage to embassy property. (Reuters telephoto)

Anger spurs robbed runner to continue global marathon

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The British round-the-world runner who Monday had all his belongings, even his running shoes, stolen from him on the mean streets of New York, yesterday vowed not to let two hoodlums stop his epic run.

Henry Weston, who said Monday he was giving up his bid to become the first man to run around the globe, said yesterday his dejection had turned to anger and had made him all the more determined to finish his journey.

Weston's world fell apart when two men broke into his car parked on a busy city street, and stole everything from it.

The 24-year-old runner from Portsmouth, England, had packed the car with everything he owned in preparation for his journey to Kennedy Airport and his flight to Ireland, where he was to start the final leg of his global marathon.

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Champions out

Platini - master assassin

MEXICO CITY. — Michel Platini, the brilliant Frenchman who has honed his soccer skills in Italy, last night led France to a 2-0 second-round victory here to bring the Italians' reign as World Cup holders to an abrupt end.

The master soccer-assassin Platini disdained sentiment in the match-up against the country of his ancestors and his fellow professionals in the Italian league to put France on course for victory in the Olympic stadium with a 15th-minute goal.

Yannick Stopyra netted the second in the 57th minute to propel France, semifinalists in 1982, forward to a supreme test, a quarter-final tie with Brazil in Guadalajara on Saturday.

Italy fielded five members of the side who beat West Germany in the 1982 World Cup final but this Italian team was a pale blue shadow of the incisive Azzurris who overcame all in Spain.

It was the first time France have beaten Italy in three World Cup meetings. (AP, Reuters)

Iraqi minister goes

Iraq has sacked its Minister of Youth following Iraq's elimination from the first round in the World Cup soccer matches. Baghdad radio said last night President Saddam Hussein had fired Nuri Faisal Al-Shahir and appointed him Minister of Labour and Social Affairs.

The dismissal came after criticism of Shahr by Hussein's son Odey, who serves as the head of the Iraqi Soccer Federation, and editor of the Ba'ath party sports newspaper.

Great test for Amos

Post Sports Staff
Amos Mansdorf has a great chance to prove himself. The talented young Israeli tennis star has been given a very tough draw at Wimbledon but if he wins two matches he can most plausibly earn himself a place on the centre court against No. 1 seed Ivan Lendl.

Mansdorf will play his first round match against Canadian Glenn Michibata who is ranked 49 on the ATP computer. Mansdorf has risen to 79 himself.

Ironically, Michibata was coached by Allen Fox at Pepperdine University in California. Fox has been the Israeli Davis Cup team's psychological adviser over the past two years.

If Mansdorf manages to win his first match he will have to play either Peter Lundgren of Sweden (ranked 37) or Bob Green of the U.S. (91). If he can win that one, all eyes will be upon him as Lendl is said to be his third round opponent.

Lendl, the French Open winner and Martina Navratilova, seeking her fifth consecutive women's single title, have been named the top seeds.

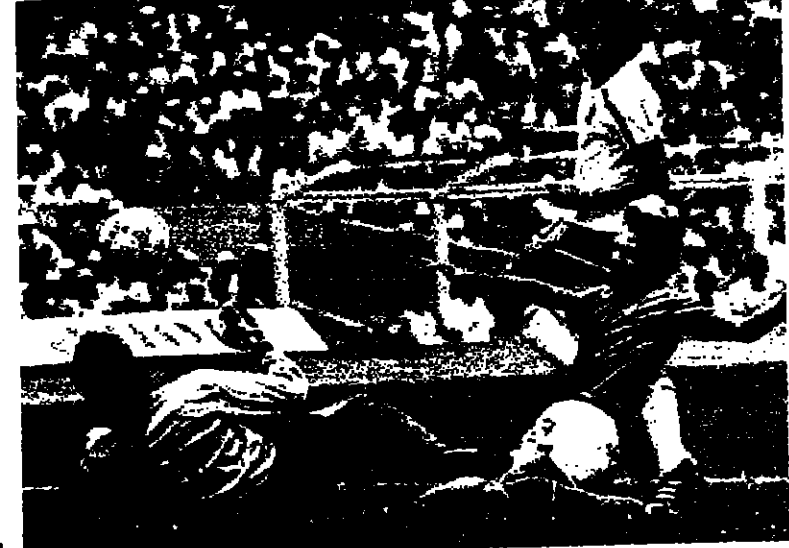
Shlomo Glickstein and Shahr Perkis were both comfortable winners in their first-round matches at the Wimbledon singles qualifying tournament. Glickstein beat Britain's Chris Clerk 6-1, 6-4, while Perkis got past Australian Steven Wood 6-2, 6-4. Competitors have to reach the "round of 16" of the 128 draw to qualify for the Championships proper.

Losing at the last
NEW YORK (AP). — Texas' right-hander Charlie Hough was two outs from a no-hitter when Wally Joyner singled, keying a bizarre two-run rally that gave the Angels a 2-1 victory over Rangers in Monday night's baseball action.

Elsewhere in the American League, it was Detroit 5, Baltimore 4; Toronto 5, Milwaukee 2; Boston 10, New York 1, and Kansas City 3, Oakland 2 in 11 innings.

In the National League, it was Philadelphia 7, Chicago 5; Atlanta 4, Cincinnati 3 in 10 innings; St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 1 in a game called in the sixth by rain; New York 4, Montreal 1 in 10 innings; San Diego 4, San Francisco 0.

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French captain Michel Platini (white shirt) fires the ball past Italian goalie Giovanni Galli and teammate Antonio Cabrini to score France's first goal en route to their convincing victory at the Olympic Stadium in Mexico City last night. (Reuters telephoto)

Daring Danes out for revenge

QUERETARO (AFP). — Preben Elkjaer will be hungry for revenge here tonight as Denmark bid to reach the World Cup quarter-finals at the expense of Spain.

Two years ago the Spaniards put an end to Denmark's European Championship dreams in France when they won an exhausting semi-final in Lyon on penalties. The teams were locked 1-1 after extra-time, Denmark having led as early as the seventh minute.

When it came to the shoot-out, it was Elkjaer's penalty, blasted over the bar, which eliminated the Danes 5-4.

Now at 1 a.m. this morning in the final second round elimination game the bustling Danish striker goes in to the first meeting between the countries since then with four goals to his name already, including a hat-trick against Uruguay.

The build-up has been given added spice with the sides being caught up in a row over hotel accommodation here.

Denmark have been in the Jurica hotel since arriving in Mexico and manager Sepp Piontek was furious when Spain and their 40-strong media contingent turned up on Friday.

Nothing, even intervention by

Surprise Santana attack shades Brazil brilliance

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — Three hours of World Cup soccer on Monday night proved two things beyond any doubt — it is going to take a very good team to beat Brazil and a very good defender to stop Diego Maradona.

Brazil extended their unbeaten World Cup sequence at the Jalisco stadium to nine games when they first exhausted Poland and then tore them apart, winning 4-0 in a display which drew comparisons with the style of the cup-winning side of 1970.

Maradona, so disappointing in the 1982 finals, has been steadily cranking up his game during the first round. In Puebla the best of the Argentine pocket battleship was on display as he repeatedly weaved and worried his way through the Uruguayan defence as his side earned a well-deserved 1-0 win.

Uruguay were on their best behaviour — saving only three bookings — but Maradona was still the subject of some harsh treatment from his marker and opposing captain Jorge Barrios.

But the captaincy appears to have helped the 25-year-old Argentine concentrate on the field. He can still over-dramatize but his winning days are over and he is relishing the more forward role entrusted to him by manager Carlos Bilardo.

The Argentinians were inspired by a virtuoso performance by their little wizard and they should really have won by much more than the single first-half goal by striker Pedro Pasculli.

But for all Maradona's brilliance, it was a match marred as a spectacle by 64 free kicks as Italian referee Luigi Agnolli blew up for almost everything in a bid to prevent a repetition of Uruguay's brutal encounter with Scotland.

He could not prevent a personal feud developing between Uruguayan striker Enzo Francescoli and Argentine defender Oscar Garré, which earned them two of the seven bookings in the game.

In Guadalajara, Brazilian manager Tele Santana launched a surprising attack on his ageing midfield star Socrates only minutes after seeing his team crush Poland 4-0.

The normally reticent Santana blamed the 32-year-old Socrates for a nightmare first-half that twice saw Poland almost become the first team to score a goal against Brazil.

Socrates and Santana have been having a private war of words since the Brazilian team got here but this was the first time that Santana has publicly criticized the Flamengo player.

"He was far too slow. He slowed the game down. Poland were allowed to give us a lot of problems in the first half because of him," said Santana, who replaced Socrates with the 33-year-old Zico 25 minutes into the second half.

Socrates, clearly angry at being taken off for the second match in a row, stormed off to the changing room instead of joining the rest of the team on the bench.

Despite the manager's complaints and though they never reached the consistent heights of old, Brazil produced flashes of the flair and grace which is unique to their game.

"That's why Brazilian football is such fun," said one Brazil fan, Sergio Luiz Lima. "It was not enough for Josimar just to score — he knew he had also to put a smile on our faces."

The only suburn Brazilian fan was 33-year-old Archie Leggett from Edinburgh. "I spent \$4,500 to follow Scotland to Mexico. When they were knocked out I decided to stay on and support the second best team — they were magic."

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Gorbachev's new arms offer puts pressure on Reagan

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has raised pressure on Washington for compromise on nuclear and space weapons with fresh proposals that imply concessions by the Kremlin, diplomats said yesterday.

Gorbachev unveiled what he called a new "intermediate variant" aimed at breaking deadlock at Geneva arms talks in a speech to the Communist Party central committee Monday.

He used tough language to accuse the U.S. of trying to sabotage East-West dialogue but also declared his readiness to meet President Reagan again this year.

Gorbachev's offer was the latest in a stream that the Kremlin depicts as an effort to address U.S. and Nato concerns.

The proposals, which were tabled in Geneva last week, signal a shift on the issue of "Euro-missiles" and offered cuts in the Soviet long-range arsenal.

The package also breaks ground in implying acceptance of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), Reagan's "Star Wars" programme, provided it is limited to the laboratory.

In return, Moscow wants Washington to commit itself for a further 15 years to the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty, which restricts defences against nuclear attack.

"It's a clever move," said one West European arms specialist. "There is much here that will make sense especially in Europe."

Diplomats said the plan could strengthen the case for U.S. and European officials who argued that Gorbachev is genuinely intent on a compromise to unlock the arms control process.

Gorbachev dubbed the new package "intermediate" because it falls short of the Kremlin's previous call for an immediate 50 per cent cut in long-range, or strategic, weapons.

Burger retires as U.S. chief justice
WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. Chief Justice Warren Burger has resigned from the Supreme Court and Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist has been nominated to replace him. President Reagan announced yesterday.

Reagan, making the announcement personally, said Burger had served the court for 17 years and wanted to retire and devote his full attention to the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution next year.

The nomination of Rehnquist, the most conservative member of the nine-member court, must be confirmed by the Senate.

Rehnquist, a former U.S. assistant attorney-general, was appointed to the Supreme Court by then-President Richard Nixon in 1971.

Burger, 78, was appointed to the court by Nixon in 1969, ushering in an era of more conservative law-and-order rulings after a liberal period under Chief Justice Earl Warren.

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Hebrew U. said in dire straits

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is threatened by its worst financial crisis for years, the university's governors heard yesterday at their annual meeting.

They were told that the deficit stood at an unprecedented NIS 27 million at the end of September, and that urgent steps were needed to ensure the institution's survival.

The 220 governors from 14 countries appealed to the government to restore support for the university to previous levels, saying it had been cut drastically in recent years.

They also appealed to Friends of the University around the world to launch special fund-raising drives.

Sharp criticism of the government came from the university's president, Prof. Don Patinkin.

"The book and the sword are proverbially linked," he said. "Both are necessary for the survival of this nation. But hasn't the government allocated its resources disproportionately by cutting back on the sword — education — in favour of the sword — military strength?"

"The damage to the book endangers the fabric of our society, the level of our human capital, our

trained manpower, the level of our science and technology and therefore our military strength and our very existence. We are below the red line."

Patinkin said the university was at a "critical juncture" and means had to be found to assure its survival. It faced unprecedented difficulties which could only be overcome by an injection of funds from the government.

The board decided that a special emergency session would be held in about two months, and set up a committee, headed by an accountant, Dan Baily, to consider ways of overcoming the crisis.

Children's aspirin to stay on market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

There is no reason to withdraw children's aspirin from the Israeli market, provided that doctors dispense it only in appropriate cases, according to Prof. Sereen Freier, chief pediatrician at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital.

Freier was commenting on a decision announced last week in London that British drug companies had to totally withdraw children's aspirin from the market because of a possible link between the drug and a rare, and often fatal, disease called Reye's Syndrome.

Since November 1985, after warnings by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the sale of children's aspirin has been by doctor's prescription only, according to Sara

Kamhin, director of pharmaceutical control at the Health Ministry.

Freier said that there was circumstantial evidence that the incidence of Reye's Syndrome was higher among children who took aspirin than among those who did not, and that a reduction in the use of aspirin in recent years had led to a reduction in the number of cases of Reye's.

Doctors should not prescribe the drug to children suffering from chickenpox and influenza, he said.

Three types of children's aspirin are available in Israel, of which only one — Saspiril — is produced locally.

A spokeswoman for Teva Pharmaceuticals, manufacturers of Saspiril, said that the company abided by Health Ministry regulations and that the British decision did not neces-

sarily have implications for Israel. But she also said that Teva researchers were looking into the issue as a result of the British decision.

Aspirin for adults is sold here over the counter although the Health Ministry attaches warnings against giving the drug to those under the age of 20.

Reye's Syndrome occurs in Britain at a rate of 5 cases per million people.

POPULATION — World population is expected to increase from the current 4.8 billion to 6.1 billion in the year 2000, Rafael Salas, executive director of the UN Fund for Population Activities, said in Vienna Monday.



A delegation of nine Russian Orthodox priests from the Soviet Union visits Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, in Jerusalem yesterday accompanied by their guide Daniel Rossing, head of the Christian Affairs Department of the Religious Affairs Ministry. The delegation's members are guests of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Foreign Ministry. (Rahamim Israeli)

Liberian FM: Won't ask for army aid

Liberia has not requested Israeli arms or military help. "You have a threat from your neighbors, and we would not like to deprive you of these resources," visiting Liberian Foreign Minister J. Bernard Blamo said in Jerusalem yesterday.

But Israeli experts have recently conducted seminars in Monrovia on how to deal with terrorists, Blamo revealed, referring to the newly instituted bilateral "cooperation" in combating terrorism.

Blamo, who is a former president of the University of Liberia and minister of education, was appointed foreign minister last January. He said that his country has "consistently opposed state terrorism" since it believes that "violence never solves problems."

Discussing Gaddafi-sponsored terrorism and the recent U.S. raids on Libya, Blamo declined to define Libya as "a threat to Liberia." But he pointed out that Liberia is "a long-time ally of the U.S." and that it might become the secondary victim of anti-U.S. terrorism in search of an easy target.

He also speculated that the U.S. raids might not have achieved their purpose, as there were various terrorist groups who could continue to operate, saying that they were acting in Libya's name.

As to the P.L.O., Blamo said that in the past numerous countries had tended to regard the organization as "fighting for freedom" and had been prepared to "give it a chance. But many countries have recently had second thoughts."

Blamo believes that those engaged in violence have developed a vested interest in continuing the violence. The same applied, he said, to belligerency by some Arab states towards Israel. These states receive funds from the Gulf states — and the funds might be withheld if there were peace.

IN PERSON

By BENNY MORRIS

Blamo, and Liberia's ambassador to Israel, Samuel Pearson, also proudly mentioned Liberia's role in the creation of Israel. Liberia's vote at the UN, said Blamo, had been "the decisive one" in the passage of the UN partition resolution in 1947. Chaim Weizmann had specifically approached President Truman to persuade Monrovia to vote for partition.

On Monday, Foreign Minister Shamir pressed Blamo on the possible transfer of the Liberian Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Blamo remarked that Liberia's first embassy had indeed been in Jerusalem. He said the matter was "currently under consideration" in Monrovia and would have to be decided by due process after the president, Samuel Doe, had sought the "advice and consent" of the Liberian Senate. Blamo added that "no country can decide which city will be another country's capital."

Blamo said that Israel had never approached Liberia for help in persuading other black African states to renew their ties with Jerusalem. He noted that African countries rigorously — sometimes exaggeratedly and jealously — guarded against interference in their internal affairs.

Liberia hopes that Israel will use its "good offices" in Washington to help Monrovia receive financial aid from the U.S. Blamo said he did not expect direct financial aid from Israel, given Israel's own economic problems.

But Israel had assured him on increased technical assistance, including help in establishing several medical clinics. Liberia is particularly eager to learn more about the treatment of eye diseases.

Liberia, while not recognizing the P.L.O., supports the Palestinians' "right to self-determination, as we support equally Israel's right to self-determination."

Blamo, a doctor of philosophy and sociology, noted that both Israel and Liberia had been established by exiled communities returning to their homeland — though the freed black slaves from the U.S. had not necessarily come from that part of the continent which is now Liberia.

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IDF report on Lebanon

Syria's failures outweigh its successes

By YEHUDA LITANI
Post Middle East Editor

Syria's achievements in Lebanon are not commensurate with its investment. From Damascus's point of view, its failures there since 1975 have been far greater than any of its successes. That is the main conclusion of a recently published paper, "Syrian Involvement in Lebanon (1975-1985)" by Aluf-Mishne Reuven Avi-Ran, released by IDF's publishing house, Maarachot.

According to the Israeli assessment, Syria has succeeded in weakening local Lebanese forces, but there has been no Lebanese surrender to Damascus's dictate. To achieve such submission, the Syrians will have to invest considerable energy and time.

The paper points out that none of Syria's agreements with Lebanon since 1975 have held. Moreover, Damascus's attempts to prevent the effective partition of

Lebanon have also failed, although "A reunited Lebanon" had been Syria's slogan when it entered that country in 1975.

Although Syria has successfully established a military presence in many areas of Lebanon, and thus fulfilled a long-nurtured aspiration, that has only been achieved at vast expense and it represents a constant security risk.

According to Avi-Ran's paper, one of the main gains of Syria's Lebanese adventure has been the enhancement of its military potential against Israel.

One of the paper's chapters deals with Syria's use of terror against Lebanese leaders opposed to Damascus's policies, with Avi-Ran concluding that any Lebanese leader who objected to the Syrians during the 10-year period was murdered or "disappeared," a victim of the Syrians or their proxies.

Latvian Nazi faces deportation from U.S.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday cleared the way for the deportation of a New York City man who faces execution in the Soviet Union for his alleged role in Nazi war crimes.

The justices, without comment, rejected an appeal by Boleslavs Maikovskis, 82, a Latvian chief of police during the German occupation who has been charged in Russia with ordering the destruction of a village in his native province in 1941.

Maikovskis said he was following the orders of his German superiors and had no choice in the burning of the village of Audriņi.

He admitted ordering the mass arrest of all villagers and the burning of Audriņi after Soviet sympathizers had killed 20,000 Jews in Latvia, but denied participating in the subsequent murder of as many as 300 villagers.

The High Court action capped a 10-year legal battle by the Justice

Department's Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations to force Maikovskis out of the country.

Maikovskis came to the U.S. in 1951. In applying for a visa as a displaced person, he had concealed his activities helping the Nazis, U.S. immigration officials said.

To gain entry to the U.S., Maikovskis said he was a bookkeeper for a railroad in Latvia during World War II.

He later admitted, during deportation proceedings, that he had been a police chief from 1941 until 1944 in a department created by invading Nazi forces.

In 1965, a Soviet court condemned Maikovskis to death in absentia for collaborating with the Nazis in the deaths of 20,000 Jews in Latvia, which is now part of the Soviet Union.

"Death by firing squad is what the petitioner must look forward to, his attorneys said in appealing to the

Supreme Court.

Maikovskis asked to be deported to Switzerland, but the Swiss government has refused to allow him entry.

In Miami, a Justice Department official told Holocaust survivors that officials are keeping their investigations open on hundreds of suspected Nazi war criminals in the U.S.

Bruce J. Einhorn, a senior trial attorney with the U.S. Justice Department, said the alleged Nazis "will be prosecuted, if the evidence warrants."

EC SUMMIT — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Francois Mitterrand held informal talks yesterday near Paris to prepare for the European Community summit in The Hague on June 26 and 27.

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HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Hebrew dates only for Jews' tombstones?

After demanding for the past year and a half that the local burial society put the Gregorian birth and death dates of his father's tombstone, David Mittelman of Herzliya has asked the High Court of Justice to intervene.

In a petition to the High Court, Mittelman said the burial society had not replied to his requests. And the Religious Affairs Ministry, he said, had told him that it was against religious law to put anything but the Hebrew dates on the gravestone.

The petition was referred to a panel of three justices and will be heard at a later date. (Idm)

Villager charged with killing, burning wife

HAIFA (Idm). — A resident of Umm al-Fahm was yesterday charged with murder in the Haifa District Court.

Khaled Abdel Hadi, 23, is said to have tried to poison his wife Aida, 25, with insecticide. When that failed, the prosecution says, he strangled her. He is also charged with burning her body to conceal evidence of the crime.

Indian horses imported for Golan village

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Idm). — Nine Red Indian horses from the U.S. arrived here yesterday to join the Golan Heights settlement, Ramot, where they will be used for riding and breeding at the horse farm.

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Gaza smugglers seized

GAZA (Idm). — Police seized a consignment of radios, motor accessories and women's underwear from a fishing boat on the Gaza shore near the Shatti refugee camp in the early hours of yesterday morning. Seven alleged members of a smuggling ring in the camp were arrested.

The gang is suspected of smuggling stolen goods from Egypt to the Gaza Strip. Police believe that the goods seized yesterday were stolen.

Prisoner asks to be fruitful, multiply

Replying to a prisoner's petition to the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem that he be allowed to fulfill the commandment "be fruitful and multiply," the Prisoners Service told the court yesterday that the prisoners were not organized to permit the prisoner to enjoy marital relations.

The statement also noted that the petitioner, Haim Weil, had indeed fulfilled the commandment, as he had had six children already. But, if he applied for leave from prison, his request would be considered in the usual way and if he met the criteria, he would be granted leave.

Bail refused for American to enable extradition bid

TEL AVIV (Idm). — An American citizen, arrested here last month, was yesterday refused bail by the Tel Aviv District Court, on the grounds that the U.S. authorities had asked Israel to arrest him but needed more time to prepare the extradition request.

Leonard Erwin Friedman of New York is wanted on 124 charges of fraud, conspiracy and theft of millions of dollars. Friedman's remand has been extended twice. Yesterday, Attorney-General Yosef Harish asked for a further extension of 15 days to enable the U.S. Justice Department to prepare the extradition request.

Alcoholic trees

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Jordan explains the new Palestine line

Publication drops PLO, assails Israeli actions

JOEL GREENBERG / Jerusalem Post Reporter

DESPITE THE wave of anti-Jordanian sentiment which has swept the territories since King Hussein suspended political coordination with the PLO, Jordan has continued to promote its version of solidarity with Palestinians in the territories.

A recent publication by Jordan's Ministry of Occupied Land Affairs sheds light on the image Jordan would like to project as mentor, if not representative of the Palestinians in the territories. It also reflects Jordan's interest in maintaining significant influence in the areas, and the threats Jordan perceives in the continued Israeli rule there.

Perhaps the most salient aspect of the Arab publication, entitled "Occupied Land Affairs," is the almost total absence of mention of the PLO in its 120 pages. The booklet was published in May, after King Hussein's break with the PLO, and its dustcover carries a map of all of mandatory Palestine, despite the ministry's ostensible responsibility solely for affairs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The map is reminiscent of the PLO's map of Palestine, and seems to hint at Jordan's attempt to dominate the PLO in representing the Palestinian cause.

As its introduction indicates, the publication attempts to demonstrate the East Bank's concern, its "daily and living partnership, the material and moral support for the struggle" of the Palestinians in the West Bank.

The first half of the booklet reviews in detail conditions of Palestinian life under Israeli rule. The account, based mainly on Israeli and West Bank newspapers, begins with an extensive discussion of Israel's "Judaization of Islamic holy places," particularly alleged attempts to take over the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron and the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Much space is devoted to Jewish groups such as Gush Emunim, the Temple Mount Faithful and members of Old City yeshivot actively preparing for rebuilding of the Temple in place of Al Aksa mosque. The chapter reviews actions by these groups to break into the Temple Mount, plans to blow up its mosques, and statements by the groups' leaders for the need to oust the Arabs from the area and return it to full Jewish control. Special mention is made of the attempted visit earlier this year by a delegation of Knesset members to "King Solomon's stables" on the mount, and charges that weapons may have been stored at the site.

The publication contrasts these actions with what it depicts as Jordan's efforts to protect the Islamic holy site through its financial support of the Jerusalem Waqf (Religious Endowments Foundation),

which is subordinate to the Jordanian Waqf Ministry, and whose employees, including the Temple Mount guards, are paid by Jordan.

The focus on the alleged religious threat to Islamic Jerusalem reflects King Hussein's longstanding attempt to depict himself as the rightful guardian of the city's holy places. This image is apparently projected to strengthen his influence and claim to Jerusalem and other parts of the West Bank.

Subsequent chapters review Israel's punitive measures in the territories. They list cases of demolition of houses, deportation, and administrative detention, and outline their basis in Israeli law. Conditions in Israeli jails are also reviewed and criticized, as well as alleged cases of torture and maltreatment of Palestinian prisoners.

Economic, health and educational conditions in the territories are also surveyed. Emphasis is put on the alleged lack of pension programmes for Palestinian labourers in Israel and their harassment by Israeli civilians and security forces. Closure of schools and arrests of pupils are also highlighted, as well as alleged Israeli attempts to close and restrict Arab medical institutions in an effort to compel them to become dependent on Israel.

A CHAPTER is devoted to the plight of the Jerusalem District Electric Company, which has failed to receive any Jordanian assistance during its recent months of financial crisis. The chapter portrays Israel's policies as having hurt the company, but at the same time notes Jordan's conditions for financial aid, including a streamlining of the JDEC administration.

The second half of the booklet is devoted to "Israeli Affairs," and is a digest of Israeli civil and military institutions - including its intelligence services - similar to such surveys in PLO publications. The review begins with a discussion and illustration of the "official map of Israel," which the booklet claims has been amended to include all territories occupied in 1967.

In a review of Israel's cabinet, parties and Knesset, special attention is given to the religious parties, apparently because they are perceived as particularly threatening. Kach is listed, with special mention of its clenched fist symbol. Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz is termed politically "extremist," and



Occupied Land Affairs, published by Jordan's Ministry of Occupied Land Affairs, May 1986.

Morasha member Haim Druckman is labelled "no less extreme than Kahane" - a man who has supported civil disobedience by Jewish settlers to prevent concessions in the territories. The wife of NRP leader Yosef Burg is noted for her "extreme anti-Arab political position." However, Agudat Yisrael party leader Avraham Shapira is described as having "a moderate political position."

Israel's Hebrew newspapers are also classified by their political stances. *Ma'ariv* and *Yediot Ahronot* are described as "independent right wing," *Hadashot*, *Montini* and *Koeret Rashit* magazine as "independent left wing." The Jerusalem local weekly *Kol Ha'ir* is "independent and moderate." The review also includes the settler publication *Nkudat* ("extremist") as well as the banned settler publication *Alef Yud*, and the small teenagers' left-wing journal *Hamtan* (now defunct). The list also includes army publications such as *Bamahane* and the *Air Force Journal*, as well as the Agudat Yisrael paper, *Hamodia*.

There are also special profiles of OC Central Command Ehud Barak, dubbed "commander of the Jordanian Front," Military Intelligence chief Amnon Lipkin, and Air Force Commander Amos Lapidot.

After a section on Israel's troubled economy, U.S. aid to Israel and the "new shekel" currency, the publication discusses Israelis in the terri-

ories. A special section reviews this year's Tebiya party convention, focusing on calls by party leaders for deportation of Palestinian refugees from the West Bank and annexation of the area to Israel. Another chapter discusses "discriminatory" legal practices in the territories, where it alleges Jews are immune to laws applying to Arabs, and Israelis cannot be tried for offences in local Arab courts. The chapter is illustrated with a photo of Meir Kahane on reserve duty in the West Bank.

Israeli settlements in the territories and land deals in the areas are also reviewed in detail. A chapter on the subject includes a digest of land fraud cases reported in the press, and a list of Jewish and Arab land brokers in the territories. Certain Arab dealers are listed in bold letters, such as Muhammad Younis al-Jaaba, of Hebron, who, according to the publication, "sold a house in the casba to Jews."

The publication concludes with a chronological list of Israeli "collective punishments" in the territories, modelled after "occupation diaries" published by the PLO and its supporters in the territories. Another list documents Israeli confiscation in various parts of the territories, and another chart shows the population and sizes of Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan and the West Bank. The text of the February 1985 agreement on a common negotiating strategy between King Hussein and Yasser Arafat is printed in bold letters. The agreement significantly calls for a confederation between Jordan and a Palestinian state, and contains the only reference in the publication to the PLO.

Hassan details a lean role for the PLO

The following excerpts are from an interview with Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan which was broadcast by the BBC on May 28 and by Jordan TV on May 29, 1986.

QUESTION - Your Royal Highness, Mrs. Thatcher says the PLO should no longer be considered the sole representative of the Palestinian people in any Middle East talks. Does Jordan share that view?

ANSWER - The fact that Mrs. Thatcher is focusing on the Palestinian representation is a continuation of her interest in initiating a dialogue with the Palestinians, and if you recall, the PLO disqualified itself from such direct talks last year in London, when they were expected to enter into discussions with the British foreign secretary. Their position at that time of course was that they were not yet ready to accept UN Resolution 242.

I think that my reading of whatever available press coverage, if that is true, is one of her not disqualifying totally the PLO but effectively saying what I have just referred to - that they themselves have disqualified themselves; therefore we have to focus on the Palestinians *per se*, which means the people in the occupied territories and the principal constituency of the Palestinians there.

Q - Do you expect to be negotiating, or does His Majesty expect to be negotiating, with Yasser Arafat of the PLO in the near future?

A - We have made it quite clear - the fact that the PLO does not mean



Crown Prince Hassan (Camera Press)

what it says, and until it means what it says, in terms of acceptance of UN resolutions, we simply cannot proceed.

The following report was taken from the Jordan Times, April 22, 1986:

Discussing internal threats, Prince Hassan referred to inter-Arab conflicts and civil war in some Arab countries. He pointed to the armed conflict in the Western Sahara, which drained the energies of Algeria and Morocco, and the civil wars in Sudan and Lebanon.

He said the five wars the Arabs suffered in the last 10 years cost the Arabs half a million dead, several million injured or evicted and about \$200 billion.

Although the Arab world had spent about \$200 on arms in the last decade, "they are weaker today than they were on the eve of the 1973 war," he said.

Egypt forced to live within political limits

RON JOURARD/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE EGYPTIAN public is no longer as supportive of peace as it once was, and the Egyptian government is too weak to make the economic reforms the country needs, said two Israeli professors at a Tel Aviv University symposium on Egypt last week.

Professor Shimon Shamir of Tel Aviv University focused much of his concern on the prevailing public mood in Egypt. "What is worrisome in Israel's relations with Egypt is not the Tabu dispute, or the low level of bilateral trade," he said, "but rather the erosion of the public consensus that underlay the idea of peace and the readiness for normalization."

A common misconception about Egypt is that the country's leader can do whatever he pleases, Shamir said. The leader is actually limited by Islamic religion and by the national consensus. "If he deviates from it, he will slip and fall."

He pointed out that Sadat's decision to make peace with Israel was not one man's caprice but part of the consensus in the 1970's. Egypt's leadership today has little room to maneuver between "full peace" with Israel and "the abandonment of peace." The country's severely limited resources and its resultant dependence on the United States for \$2.5 billion in annual aid forces the country to tread a path between these two extremes.

Egypt knows that it will never realize the "grandiose dream" of former president Gamal Abdel Nasser to become a leader of the Third World, Shamir noted. President Mubarak's lackluster rule is not so much a result of his "dull personality" as it is of the country's limitations.

Last year, Egypt exported \$1.25 billion in arms. No other Arab country is capable of such an achievement, Shamir said, pointing out that Egypt is the most technologically advanced Arab state. It exports expertise: there are more Egyptian doctors in the other Arab countries than in Egypt itself.

But Egypt's technological superiority is threatened by the country's low educational standards. "The emphasis on quantity and the Arab orientation in reaction against the West - legacies of Nasser's rule - have begun to show their effects," said Shamir. Education is free, and there are more than 500,000 university students (Cairo and Ein Shams universities each have more

than 100,000 students). Fewer university graduates today know foreign languages. "Once all the members of the intelligentsia could converse in a foreign tongue - usually French," Shamir observed. "But today - even though foreign-language study is compulsory - few graduates are bilingual. You can even find professors who are incapable of speaking in any language but Arabic."

HAIFA UNIVERSITY Professor Gad Gilbar spoke about Egypt's economy. There were complaints this year in the Egyptian media about the lack of sweets traditionally eaten during Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting. Fewer sweets were imported from the other Arab states this year, causing a shortage primarily felt by the well-to-do.

"Though large amounts of money are not involved," says Gilbar, "the dearth is indicative of the country's growing trade deficit and dwindling foreign currency reserves."

The solution to Egypt's economic plight is largely political, said Gilbar, but the government is too weak to take the necessary measures. For example, the government could improve the economy by cutting some of the massive subsidies it now provides, but the current regime lacks the political power and will to implement cuts. Just the announcement that the government intended to reduce subsidies on basic food staples such as sugar, flour and oil was enough to spark riots in January 1977 in which dozens of people were killed.

Egypt spends about \$6 billion a year on subsidies. Some \$4b. of that are "indirect" subsidies which finance the deficits of public companies and keep the price of petrol low.

The current regime is also afraid to implement birth control. One of the major strains on Egypt's economy is its mushrooming population, which today stands at about 49 million. By the year 1990, population will grow by a million inhabitants every six months, Gilbar said.

The official Islamic establishment has given its blessing to birth control, but the rural religious leaders and the unofficial establishment, mostly fundamentalists unconnected with the regime, are opposed.

"The government simply does not want a confrontation," said Gilbar.

The Middle East Page is edited by Yehuda Litani

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Developed first Israeli computer

Exatec closes down with \$600,000 in debts

By DORON PELY
Exatec Computers, the Haifa-based manufacturer that developed the first Israeli computer, has closed its gates and laid off its staff of 44 amid mutual recriminations between the owners and government officials over the reasons for the company's collapse.

"Ridiculous interest rates and the government's renegeing on the delivery of promised research and development funding brought us down," said David Rosengarten, managing director and share holders representative.

A joint venture of Belgian and American venture capitalists, Exatec invested \$4 million dollars to develop in Israel a medium-size, multi-user computer aimed at competing here and overseas against similar products made by International Business Machines and Digital Equipment Corp. After selling less than 300 computers, mostly in Europe, the company is paralyzed by \$600,000 in debts that the investors have refused to assume.

Igal Erlich, chief scientist in the Ministry of Industry and Trade, confirmed that his office had not provided Exatec all the funding prom-

ised. But he denied Rosengarten's accusations that this caused the company's collapse.

"We agreed to extend our support of the company for two additional months and to give it some \$40,000 during this period," said Erlich. "But we refused to reimburse them for funds that they claim they are owed from 1983 and 1984. This company died because of bad management, not lack of funding."

Lack of willingness by Israeli customers to gamble on a new product also played a part in the company's demise, according to Erlich.

"We (Israelis) are not sufficiently aware of the need to support locally made products, and the responsible government departments are not doing all in their power to get government institutions to buy those products," said Erlich.

Samuel Norman, director of Exatec since the beginning of 1986, said that despite being almost 30 per cent cheaper than its overseas competitors, the computer never had a chance in the Israeli market. Local products, he said, are not favoured by government agencies, and regulations regarding protection of such products are not enforced.



Yehoshua Forer

Forer eyeing post in Israel's New York consulate

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Yehoshua Forer, the outgoing director general of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, is still hoping to get appointed as Israel's minister of economic affairs in New York, a post vacant for more than two years. Forer resigned early this week for what he called "economic reasons."

Forer told reporters that he had been seeking the post in New York for a long time, but former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i had blocked his nomination. With Moda'i's resignation, Forer indicated that he now stood a chance of getting the appointment.

Forer said he had served in various positions at the ministry for six years and that it was time for a change. He said Industry Minister Ariel Sharon had first tried to convince him to stay on, but later accepted his resignation.

South Africa plans to pump \$450m. into economy

CAPE TOWN (AFP) — South African Finance Minister Barend Du Plessis yesterday announced a \$450 million programme to stimulate the country's depressed economy.

Speaking in Parliament, he said the programme should ensure a growth rate of at least 3 per cent in the country's real gross domestic product this year, as well as boosting income, employment, production and general economic activity.

The announcement came a day after a nationwide general strike held by non-white workers to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 1976 Soweto uprising.

GM forms auto venture in Egypt

CAIRO (Reuters) — The U.S. automobile giant General Motors announced yesterday it had won Egyptian government approval to produce cars in Egypt under one of the biggest U.S. joint venture schemes in the Middle East.

Under the project, involving investment totalling an estimated \$300 million, a new firm called General Motors Car Company will start producing Opel Models next year from imported kits at an existing Egyptian state-owned plant.

Announcement of the project, approved in principle last March by Egypt's investment authority, came as a shot in the arm for Cairo at a time of economic difficulties caused by dwindling hard currency earnings

from oil transfers by expatriate workers and tourism.

President Hosni Mubarak underlined his interest in the scheme by meeting with senior GM executives.

In Detroit, William Mott, GM's executive director for joint ventures and African operations, said the company saw Egypt as an important base for expansion in North Africa and the Middle East, as well as for export of lower-cost auto components to other GM operations.

"It's one of the most favoured points for distribution in the region," he said. "Its market also represents about half of the population of the Arab world."

GM won the licence to produce new passenger cars over a dozen

rival proposals, including short-listed Nissan of Japan, Peugeot of France and Fiat of Italy.

GM will have 30 per cent of GMCC's equity, with the other 70 per cent held by Egyptian investors, including the state-owned Al-Nasr Automotive Manufacturing Company, which will hold a 30 per cent stake, the Misr Iran Development Bank, and Egypt's Export Development Bank.

The cars, the 1.2 litre Opel Corsa and the 1.6 litre Opel Ascona, will be assembled at Al-Nasr's plants, which currently produce Fiat models. Production is expected to start in mid-1987, with 30,000 cars in the first year.

A key feature of the GM proposal is a plan to develop locally-owned parts companies and establish joint components ventures in Egypt with foreign firms. The long-term aim is to boost Egypt's exports by selling parts in Europe.

Eighteen U.S., West German, French, Italian and Swedish companies were either negotiating arrangements or conducting feasibility studies for setting up joint ventures, GM said.

El Al benefits from safety fears

By ANDY COURT
For the Jerusalem Post
TEL AVIV — El Al treats security in a serious way and does not talk about it in the media, according to spokesman Nahman Klieman.

El Al's ads in the U.S. don't talk about security, but rather emphasize the company's non-stop flights, which have been in increasing demand after the terrorist incidents of the past several months. "Perhaps the closest some people want to get to Europe is 35,000 feet," Klieman said.

Sixty per cent of El Al's flights from America are now non-stop, and that will increase to 75 per cent this summer, he added.

El Al's business has already benefited from passengers' concerns about security. The percentage of people flying from the U.S. to Israel on El Al has increased 10 per cent over the past three months.

"People who had originally booked on other airlines haven't cancelled their vacation plans, but have switched to El Al," Klieman said.

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Israel's foreign debt dropped by \$927 million in the last quarter of 1985 — from \$20,140m. to \$19,213m. (Bank of Israel annual report)

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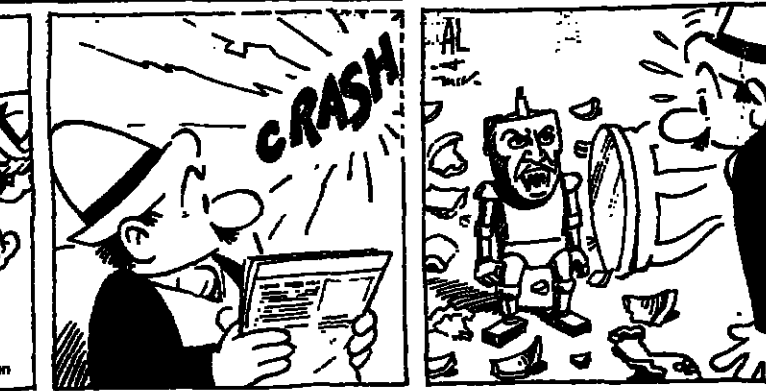
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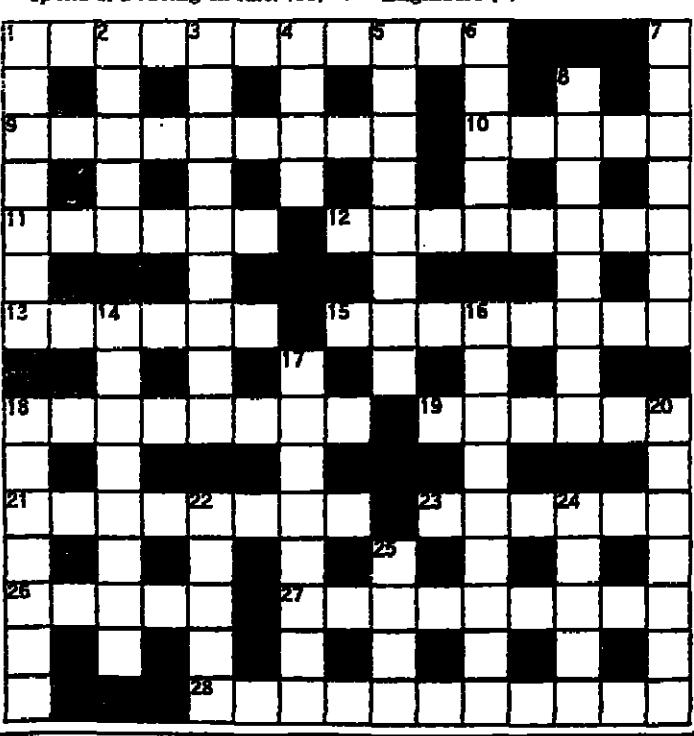
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- 10 Time of year when public relations gets into trouble (5)
- 11 I get in a tangle, but make light of it, apparently (6)
- 12 Elysian flower shop involved in crooked deal? (8)
- 13 A player who has to keep on the field (6)
- 15 Not a dark horse I lampoon in a devious way (8)
- 18 Over-used footwear (8)
- 19 & 21 Relatively closely connected pieces of 9 across the Atlantic (6, 8)
- 23 The petrochemical by-product Athens transformed (6)
- 26 A light purple shade I ring back about (5)
- 27 Just the fellow to usher in the new year? (9)
- 28 The way in which Long John spoke of a racing circuit? (11)

DOWN

- 1 Import men swallowing a gin cocktail? (7)
- 2 A Danish girl domiciled in Burma (5)
- 3 Songs about bare landing-places (9)
- 4 Over-organised rambler? (4)
- 5 One whose pictures attract lots of admiration (4, 4)
- 6 How to give a lesson to a very unsavoury pirate? (5)
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TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

- 6.02 Morning Melodies
- 7.07 Schubert: Serenade — 4 minor (Chor. Reiss)
- 7.30 Brahms: Symphony No. 3 (London/Gilbert); Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No. 3 (Ashkenazy/Ormandy); Schubert: String Quartet, "Death and the Maiden" (Guarnieri)
- 9.30 Haydn: String Quartet, Op. 55, No. 2 (Amadeus); Schubert: "Schwanengesang" (Fischer/Gesella, Moore); Chopin: Nocturne (Aschennasy); Bruckner: Symphony No. 4 (B. no. Walter)
- 12.05 Piano Music (no details available)
- 13.00 Bach: Cantata No. 232 "Mendelssohn" Symphony No. 5 (Philharmonia/Muti); Schumann: "Camargo" (Saraate); Gypsy Melodies (Rosen); Chamade: Flute Concerto (Gavazzi); Haydn: Symphony No. 44 "Warmer"
- 15.05 News in French
- 16.00 Wendy Eisenberg: Live On Lavan, guitar, Maria Bonfanti: piano, Scherbiel: Songs; Castellanovo: Redondo: Spanish Op. 205; Burkhardt: Serenade; Prokofiev: Sonata, Op. 34
- 17.00 Contemporary Music — Zeev Steinberg: Prelude for Wind Quintet; Yacov Gilboa: 3 Vocalises for Peter

First Programme

- 6.03 Programmes for Olim
- 7.30 Evening Old Songs
- 8.05 Compass — with Benny Hendel
- 9.05 Hebrew songs
- 9.30 Encounter — live family magazine
- 10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
- 11.30 School Broadcasts
- 12.05 Education for all
- 12.05 Oriental songs
- 13.00 News in English
- 13.30 News in French
- 14.05 Children's programmes
- 15.05 News on a New Book
- 16.05 Programme for Senior Citizens
- 17.05 Everyman's University
- 18.05 Jewish Traditions
- 18.50 Boys' Reading
- 19.05 Lesson in Hebrew
- 19.30 Programmes for Olim
- 22.05 A Friend from the Same Planet

Second Programme

- 6.12 Gymnastics
- 6.30 Editorial Review
- 6.53 Green Light — drivers' corner
- 7.05 This Morning — news magazine
- 8.05 Drive Safely
- 9.05 House Call — with Rivka Michael
- 10.05 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
- 11.05 Open Line — news and music
- 13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
- 14.05 Matters of Interest — with Gabi Gadit
- 15.05 Sports — with Alex Arady
- 16.05 Songs and Homework
- 17.10 Economics Magazine
- 18.05 Spotlight
- 19.05 Open Line — in sport
- 19.35 Army and Defence Magazine
- 20.05 Pottery Magazine
- 21.05 A Song for the Road
- 22.05 Folk dances
- 23.05 Night Games

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Freight
- 4 Unlatching
- 5 Give out
- 10 Banishment

DOWN

- 1 Slaughter
- 13 Sagger
- 15 Frightened
- 17 Trusted adviser
- 20 Simple
- 21 Strive
- 24 Men's
- 26 Worth
- 27 Domestic cock
- 28 Revolved
- 29 Survey racecourse

QUICK SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Shore, 4 Enough, 5 Let down, 10 Male, 11 Moon, 12 Asa, 20 Changed, 21 Able, 24 Tempo, 25 Problem, 26 Esteem, 27 Trend, 28 Down, 29 Soloma, 30 Outdo, 31 Eton, 32 Nuisance, 33 Unknown, 34 Horset, 35 Snipe, 13 Foxglove, 15 Readmit, 17 Scythe, 18 Adept, 19 Hermit, 22 Belle, 23 Coll.

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL

- 8.15 School Broadcasts 14.00 Winston Churchill 18.00 A Gala Evening (part 1)
- 18.00 No Secrets 18.30 TV Game 18.45 Economics 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine
- CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
- 17.30 Somersault
- ANALOG LANGUAGE programmes:
- 18.30 News roundup
- 18.32 Literature and Culture Magazine
- 18.30 Health magazine
- 19.30 Sports — Mexico Magazine
- 19.30 News
- HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a programme on Russian Jewry
- 20.30 Mabat Newsweek

CINEMA

JERUSALEM 4:30, 7:30, 9:30
Eden: P.O.W. The Escape; Edison: Runaway Train; Rebar: Youngblood; Kfir: 3 Men and a Cradle; Mitsel: Kiss of the Spiderwoman 7:15, 9:30; Orion: Panos 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Orion Op 1: Iron Eagle 4:30, 7:15, 9:30;

MARKET PLACE

MACABEE DEAN

Making it worthwhile to work

Our daily round of emotionally and mentally draining problems—in the fields of security, politics, religion, social welfare, and so on—should not blind us to our cardinal need to "earn our daily bread."

"Only by investing in productive work (this concept embraces many fields of endeavor, plus efficiency and competitiveness here and abroad) can we hope to establish the foundations which will lead us to economic independence," says Eli Laksos, President of the Farmers Federation, a leading group in the Coordinating Committee of Economic Organizations.

"It is not enough for the most part to have brought the inflationary spiral under control. This was only rectifying a destructive factor; we must now begin to take constructive steps to revitalize the economy, especially that part aimed at stepping up lagging exports as well as replacing foreign imports, and thus stopping the growth in the adverse balance of trade."

There are several problems to be tackled — "we have talked about them long enough." We must find ways and means of thawing the present freeze "which sometimes seems to have all the earmarks of becoming a deep freeze" of wages, prices, taxes, and exchange rates.

The first step is to overhaul and restructure the income and other structures. High take-home pay is one of the main incentives for working hard. Yet under the present set-up, the high tax rates are a disincentive to hard work and productivity, both for workers and for management.

Wages must also be linked to output, which will help the worker, who will receive more take-home pay, and the factory and the country by encouraging more production.

He would like to see exporters receive benefits or rebates on taxes. (The decision to allow exporters to drop substantially their contributions to the National Insurance Institution is a step in this direction.)

In addition, exporters must be helped by instituting more flexible exchange-rate insurance payments. The system is far too clumsy today and inadequate to offset the rapid change in the value of foreign currencies.

Interest rates, less exorbitant than some months ago, are still far too high, leading to such high financing costs that Israeli goods are much less competitive abroad.

How will the government replace income cost by restructuring the tax set-up, and by giving the exporters various benefits?

If exports actually rise, as they should, then employment in factories should also increase. Government payments for unemployment compensation would be reduced "and driving plants should also lead to an inflow of investment capital."

The government should follow through with its promises in cut the number of civil servants. Laksos mentions one overstaffed ministry: the bloated administrative set-up (as distinct from the actual teaching staff) in the Ministry of Education and Culture.

And the authorities should really bear down on those who do not pay honest income and other taxes. Some steps have already been taken in this direction, but more needs to be done.

The honest taxpayer is punished not once, but four times, due to the failure of others to pay honest taxes. First, the honest tax-payer is discriminated against since he has to pay honest taxes while others do not; second, he has to cough up more than his share to cover the deficit caused by the tax evaders; third, the tax evader has "money to burn," and buys without thinking about the price, causing inflation; and finally, the accumulation of black capital distorts governmental policies — which also has repercussions on the honest tax payer.

Isrotel may buy 1 or 2 hotels from Shiff

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

David Lewis, British hotelier and president of Isrotel, said yesterday he was interested in acquiring one or two hotels owned by the Israeli hotel owner Haim Shiff, but that he had no intention of taking over the whole Shiff chain.

"I don't believe in empire-building for the sake of empire-building," he said.

Speaking at a luncheon celebrating the special citation he had received earlier in the day from President Herzog for his contribution to Israeli tourism, Lewis said that if the price were right, his company would be willing to negotiate. But, he said he was under the impression that neither Shiff nor the banks to which Shiff is deeply in debt were genuinely eager to push the sale.

All of Shiff's properties are due to go under the hammer on July 28. The properties are being sold by the Israel Auction Mart, which had previously advertised the auction for early April. Sources close to Shiff predicted at the time of the April sale that it would not go through, and these sources are now expressing similar doubts about the July auction.

Lewis, who has been concentrating on developing hotel properties in Eilat, was originally persuaded six years ago to invest in Israel's hotel industry by Science and Development Minister Gideon Palti.

To date, the Isrotel Group has invested \$40 million in resort hotel development and is about to invest a further \$5m. in setting up a hotel training school and in the development of public areas in Eilat.

Also receiving awards with Lewis at Beit Hanania yesterday were Yekutiel Federmann, chief executive of Dan Hotels, who was named tourism's Man of the Year, and the national air carrier El Al.

Tour guides to bar some groups from sites

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tour guides are to block groups of foreign tourists led by unauthorized guides from visiting tourists sites, according to a decision taken on Monday by the Tour Guides Association.

Close to 300 members of the association marched from Jerusalem's Laramie Hotel to the Ministry of Tourism to protest against the Ministry's lack of action in curbing the activities of unauthorized guides, most of them priests. Such guides, the association claims, do not always provide accurate or adequate information, and some have reportedly been overheard making comments which are said to be blatantly anti-Semitic.

"We're tired of waiting for the ministry to do something," association chairman Yossi Gran told The Jerusalem Post. Gran hinted that association members would this week begin blocking entry to tourist sites to groups led solely by priests.

The association is also charging that the fresh crop of tourists guides, who graduate each year from the Ministry's School of Tourism is saturating the market and that there isn't enough work to go around.

Public-sector wage hike possible

By AVI TEMKIN

The Treasury will agree to a slight increase in public sector employee wages if the unions agree to a reduction of public sector work-force, Hillel Dudai, director of wages and labour agreements at the Treasury said yesterday.

Dudai said the reduction in the public-sector work-force could be accomplished by encouraging early retirement and not filling vacancies. That would enable the government to grant wage rises without increasing the total wage bill for the public sector.

Referring to the talks between

the Histadrut and private-sector employers on a new collective wage agreement that are scheduled to begin on Monday, Dudai told reporters that the economy would not be able to sustain wage rises unless productivity rises.

Dudai said the employers would be willing to maintain real, or inflation-adjusted, wages at their current level, noting that a further drop in the inflation rate would increase the purchasing power of the real salaries.

Dudai stressed that a large part of the erosion in public-sector wages during 1985 had been regained in the

recent months. According to his figures, salaries for civil servants in May were 5 per cent higher than in the first quarter of 1985 and 30 per cent higher than those in September of last year. Compared with May 1985, net wages are 8 to 9 per cent higher, he said.

The 12 per cent pay increase granted to nurses by a labour arbitrator at the end of May will not be a precedent for the public sector, Dudai stressed. This was the result of an arbitration dealing specifically with nurses, he said, and cannot be taken as an example for the rest of the public sector.

Moriah offers rooms at discount

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

A spontaneous vacation programme for quick decision makers begins this Friday. Moriah Hotels aims to fill its vacant rooms during any coming week by offering them at a 50 per cent discount to cash customers.

A bulletin board listing vacancies in the Moriah's four hotels in Jerusalem, Sdom, Ein Boqueq and Eilat will be posted every Friday afternoon to give potential short-term vacationers a day to consider the options. They will then be available on a first-come first-serve basis with bed-and-breakfast from Moriah's

Tel Aviv sales office the following Saturday night. Moriah sales director Itzhak Sover said there will be no extra charge for children, except for breakfast. The fifty per cent discount is comprehensive and includes VAT and service charges.

MERGER — Abu Dhabi has merged the offshore-drilling activities of three state oil companies to reduce costs as falling oil prices continue to take their toll on the region's oil industry. Sobail Al-Mazroui, deputy general manager of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, said.

Tama unveils bullet-proof plastic

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Tama Plastics factory at Kibbutz Mishmar Ha'emek has developed a transparent ballistic-protection plastic that can stop a 155 millimetre shell fired at point blank from a range of two metres.

The 10-centimetre thick material was introduced yesterday, along with a thin light-weight plastic material that can stop bullets fired from small arms.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:	Turnovers:	4.25% fully-linked	Falls to 0.5%
General Share Index	Shares - total	90% linked	Falls to 0.5%
Non-Bank Index	Arrangement	Double-linked	Rises slightly
Insurance	Non-Bank	Double-linked	Rises slightly
Commerce, Services	Bonds - total	Admim	Rises slightly
Real Estate	Index-linked	Rimon	Rises slightly
Industrials	Dollar-linked	Gilboa	Rises to 1.5%
Textiles	Treasury Bills	For. Curr.	Mixed to 0.5%
Metals	Share Movements:	Denominated	Treasury Bills
Electronics	Advances	(monthly yield)	1.40-1.51%
Chemicals	of which 5%+		
Industrial Invest.	"buyers only"		
Investment Cos.	Declines		
General Bond Index	of which 5%+		
Index-linked Bonds	"sellers only"		
Fully-linked	Unchanged		
Partially-linked	Trading Halt		
Dollar-linked Bonds			
Short-term 0-2 yrs			
Medium-term 2-5 yrs			
Long-term 5+ yrs			

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%	100NIS change
Commercial Banks				
(part of "arrangement")				
Maritime 1	777	173		
General non-arr.	26800	15	1.1	
First Int'l	3845	1822		
FIBI	3800	5820	-8.4	
Commercial Banks				
(part of "arrangement")				
IDB	83850	310		
Union 0.1	82820	30	+0.2	
Shikun	70730	188		
Mizrahi	34570	524	+0.1	
Hapoalim	58889	667		
General A	145750	30		
Leumi 0.1	38118	2130	-0.0	
Fin. Trade	48800			
Mortgage Banks				
Leumi mort. r	4820	163	-3.6	
Dev. Mort.	1450	806	+2.1	
Mishkon	2100	518	-8.7	
Tefahot	13150	11		
Merriv	5080	183		
Financial Institutions				
Agric C	57780	s.o.2	-5.0	
Ind. Dev. DO	80115			
Cla Lending 0.1	10000	71	+1.0	
Insurance				
Ararat 0.1 r	9101035	-2.2		
Hassneh r	900	11388	-0.2	
Phoenix 0.1	742	371	-5.0	
Hemishmar	7000	434	+8.5	
Menorah 1	7605		+0.1	
Sahar	4350	95	+2.4	
Zion Hold. 1	18800	1		
Trade & Services				
Moir Exa	4500	10		
Supersol 2	5075	2425	+0.1	
Deleat r	2885			
Lighterage	not trading			
Cold Storage	not trading			
Dan Hotels	3850	341		
Yarden Hotel	3011	50	-7.9	
Hilton	11885	26	-3.6	
Telam 1	1949	151		
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture				
Azoric	580	4868	-4.7	
Elton	346	3145	+0.3	
Africa Isr. 0.1	33850	10		
Danr	3895	228	-6.0	
Prop. & Bldg.	2755	683		
Baystate 0.1	4050	48		
ILDC r	48570	79	-0.5	
Rassco r	7410	345		
Mahadim	7230	305	+1.5	
Hadarim	1170	1567	-0.4	
Industrials				
Dubek b	3440	511	-1.4	
Pr-Za 1	2580	1273	+1.2	
Sunifrost	7952	252		
Elite	13700	56	+5.4	
Adgar	948	1882	-1.3	
Argamant	12040	45	-0.5	
Datta G 1	4540	79		
Maquette 1	25000	50		
Eagle 1	12349	90		
Polgat 0.4	8800	147		
Schoellerline	3860			
Regeim	not trading			
Urdan 0.1 r	10600	85		
Is. Can Co. 1	1195	2180	+2.1	
Zion Cables	2202	283	+4.8	
Packer Steel	8830	110	-1.0	
Eilat 3	443300	6	-0.4	
Elron	348000	11	-2.3	
Air	29450	126	-0.3	
Cla Electronics	2230	1624		
Spectronix 1	2230	740		
T.A.T. 1	4080	125		
Agan 5	19000	131		
Alisanee	1825	222		
Dexter	3601	113	-3.5	
Fertilisers	6500	133		
Haifa Chem.	648	3818		
Tevu r	54000	70	-1.1	
Dead Sea r	15350	262	-0.1	
Petrochem.	555	5743	-4.6	
Naca Chem.	3401	253	+2.2	
Frutaron	not trading			
Hadera Paper	20200	83	+1.0	
Central Trade	6800	113		
Koor p	500000			
Cla Inds.	1369	2233	-0.7	
Investment Companies				
IDB Dev. r	3870	1413		
Ellem	2800	421	-2.8	
Afk 1	not trading			
Gahelet	1425		+1.4	
Israel Corp. 1	not trading			
Wolfson 1 r	111000	4	+4.7	
Hapoalim Inv.	5000	828		
Leumi Invest.	5140	85	-4.6	
Discount Invest.	2435	3239		
Mizrahi Invest.	16300	10	+2.4	
Cla 10	795	3963		
Landeco 0.1	8755			
Pama 0.1	8800	32	-1.1	
Oil Exploration				
Paz Oil Expl.	13050	151	-3.7	
J.O.E.L.	1500	1318	-1.0	

ISRAELI DATA

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS June 17, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES

PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month

Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	Last Updated	Tapas	Pakam 7-Day	Pakam 30-Day
LEUMI	15.6	7-15%	8-15.5%	8-15.5%
HAPOLIM	20.5	8-14.5%	9-15%	9-15%
DISCOUNT	8.5	7-13%	7-13%	7-13%
MIZRAHI	5.6	8-16%	8-16%	8-16%
FIRST INT'L	3.8	8-13%	7-13%	6-13%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of June 17)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.375	6.375	6.500
STG	8.875	8.875	8.625
DMK	4.250	4.250	4.125
SFR	3.125	3.125	3.125
YEN			

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

		<i>Buy</i>	<i>Sell</i>		<i>Buy</i>	<i>Sell</i>	<i>Rates</i>
U.S.A. Dollar	1	1.4902	1.5088		1.47	1.54	1.4986
U.K. Sterling	1	2.2457	2.2738		2.21	2.31	2.2561
Deutch Mark	1	0.6707	0.6707		0.68		
French Franc	1	0.2103	0.2130		0.20	0.22	0.2110
Dutch Florin	1	0.5885	0.6028		0.58	0.62	0.5971
Swiss Franc	1	0.8143	0.8245		0.80	0.84	0.8164
Swedish Krone	1	0.2067	0.2093		0.20	0.21	0.2080
Norweg. Krone	1	0.1580	0.1584		0.18	0.20	0.1972
Danish Krone	1	0.1804	0.1827		0.18	0.19	0.1814
Finnish Mark	1	0.2871	0.2907		0.26	0.30	0.2820
Canad. Dollar	1	1.0729	1.0862		1.06	1.11	1.0790
Austr. Dollar	1	1.0354	1.0483		0.97	1.07	1.0388
S. Africa Rand	1	0.5976	0.6050		0.58	0.66	0.6017
Belgian Franc	10	0.3247	0.3287		0.32	0.34	0.3292
Austrian Sch.	10	0.9525	0.9644		0.94	0.98	0.9574
Italian Lire	1000	0.9769	0.9891		0.96	1.01	0.9795
Japanese Yen	100	0.8939	0.9051		0.88	0.92	0.8963
Jordanian Dinar	1	—	—		4.15	4.40	4.2860
Egyptian Pound	1	—	—		0.80	0.85	0.8055

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EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS

PRECIOUS METALS

GOLD: LONDON A.M. FIX N.A. P.M. FIX N.A.

SILVER: LONDON A.M. FIX N.A. P.M. FIX N.A.

PLATINUM: LONDON P.M. N.A.

PALLADIUM: LONDON P.M. N.A.

FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

	SPOT	2 MTHS	3 MTHS	6 MTHS
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.2035/50	97/82	138/133	262/253
POUND STERLING	1.5045/55	71/69	101/58	182/177
SWISS FRANC	1.8400/20	58/54	90/85	175/165
JAPANESE YEN	167.28/38	63/61	94/82	188/184
FRENCH FRANC	171.02/50	30/45	45/65	90/120
ITALIAN LIRA	1524.75/50	1250/1325	1800/1900	3450/3600
DANISH KRONER	16.4630/40	63/58	63/58	150/144
BELGIAN FRANC	45.460/480	0.52	0.5/3	1/6
DANISH KRONER	8.2550/85	85/135	120/170	208/180
SAFARIKARI RAND	4.0460/70	36/31	48/43	80/70
UNITED STATES DOLLAR	9.5650/55	27/25	37/35	109/112
FINNISH MARK	15.1620/40	70/610	420/470	840/940
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.6382/45	82/88	127/125	225/218
NORWEGIAN KRONER	7.7570/00	885/905	1333/1355	2640/2680

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Affair that won't die

IT WAS A tactical error for Yitzhak Zamir, the former attorney-general, described as a "senior legal source," to assume that a farewell press briefing, though "off-the-record" would not immediately find its way into the headlines. For the subject — the "Shalom Affair" — was too hot and already too much in the news for such reticence.

Prof. Zamir has thus made himself an easy target for his critics and for those anxious to assure the very whitewash in the "Shalom Affair" that he strove so mightily to prevent.

Prof. Zamir is greatly — and legitimately — concerned that, by removing him as its gadfly, the government has greatly increased the prospects of a whitewash. True, Attorney-General Harish yesterday assured the nation that this would not happen — he would conclude his study of the relevant material by the end of the week, and then take up his recommendations with the prime minister and the vice premier.

But Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir — who was premier, and thus minister in charge of the General Security Service at the time of the bus terrorist killings two years ago — made it clear in an address yesterday that he planned to leave no stone unturned in an effort to thwart anything but a whitewash.

In Mr. Shamir's book Arab terrorists — as distinct from regular Arab soldiers — captured by the security forces may be killed with impunity, for they are not subject to the laws of war. This is supposed to be standard GSS norm. Therefore, in his view, responsibility for the bus killings should never have been an issue and should never have led to setting up the Zorea and Blattman committees. Since Mr. Shamir would not trust those "outside" investigative bodies to endorse his view of GSS norms, it is no wonder that he thought, and still thinks, nothing wrong in the fact that GSS chief Avraham Shalom and his aides — as it is alleged — systematically lied to and misled these official tribunals.

The only conclusion that can be drawn is that Mr. Shamir himself endorsed this perversion of legal process, or was not informed by the GSS. Both, horrendous alternatives.

But surely even Mr. Shamir ought to be disturbed by the charge that the same perversion of legality was perpetrated before an internal disciplinary court of the GSS chaired by a district court judge. Surely that one tribunal could be relied upon to render a judgment duly framed by the imperatives of security, and without in the process spilling the beans about the GSS modus operandi.

For if the GSS is to be immune to the discipline of even its own internal tribunal, to whose judgement is it to defer? Is this powerful secret state agency to be responsible to no one but its head and his political chief, the prime minister? And if it is permitted to lie to legal tribunals, what is to prevent it under less scrupulous direction to lie to a prime minister? Or to be misled by a prime minister?

These are the real issues in the "Shalom affair," and not the killings as such.

For Israel's sake, it must be hoped that the incumbent GSS head and his men fully deserve all the kudos Premier Shimon Peres and Mr. Shamir, too, have heaped upon them during the past several weeks. The fact that three former senior GSS officials have expressed rather different views is plainly not sufficient cause to jump to conclusions. But neither is it enough to absolve him of all guilt while casting his accusers into outer hell as foul conspirators, which has been the message beaten out by the tom-toms of the inner cabinet.

It should by now have become clear that the "Shalom Affair" will not be closed but only continue festering without a proper inquiry by a judicial committee sitting in camera. Mr. Peres has perhaps resigned himself to the inevitability of such inquiry; but not Mr. Shamir. To him, it spells the destruction of the GSS, no less. Only mental featherweights who care not a farthing about Israel's security — persons, that is, like Prof. Zamir — would, he threateningly suggests, think otherwise.

In the same breath Mr. Shamir foresees any idea of putting pressure on Mr. Harish to fall in line. Late yesterday the new attorney-general disclosed that he might keep his decision about the manner of handling the affair secret. Prof. Zamir now has added reason to be concerned. So do we all.

Too far afield

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

PROF. DAVID LIBAI, chairman of the Knesset Control Committee, which decided on the investigation of the bank shares regulation, has proposed that non-compliance with a personal recommendation of a commission of inquiry be made a crime, punishable by imprisonment. At the same time, recommendations with regard to individuals could be appealed in court.

The problem of non-compliance with the recommendations of the Bejski commission is before Libai's committee. A major objective of the Bejski report was to create standards of personal responsibility. But imposing the obligation of compliance, without the right of review on appeal, would violate basic notions of fairness.

Superficially, the Libai proposal gives the appearance of an effective resolution of the conflicting interests involved. However, the effect of the proposal would be to confirm a role for the investigating commission that it was never intended to have — that of an *en banc* court. Perhaps this is what Ben-Gurion had in mind, when he demanded a judicial investigation of the Lavon Affair some 20 years ago. It was not what the framers of the 1968 legislation, under which the Bejski commission operates, had in mind.

Under the proposed law, as originally introduced in the Knesset by then justice minister Haim Zadok, a commission of inquiry would have no authority whatsoever to make recommendations. This was changed in the course of the legislative process, largely at the insistence of former attorney-general Gideon Hausner, to give the commissions the option of presenting recommendations. Unlike a summary of its findings, which the commissions are mandated to transmit in their reports, the commissions were and are under no obligation to submit recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS with regard to matters of policy have always been the task of advisory committees, which have operated in the Israeli governmental structure since independence, without need of the law of 1968, under the general powers of the government. As long as a commission of inquiry makes policy recommendations, it is following a well established tradition. However, personal recommendations involve other problems.

To the extent that they involve personnel matters within the authority of the government, such as the removal of government officials, they are within the area of the supervision of the administrative functions of the government. But when they make personal recommendations of a clearly penal character, particularly with regard to private individuals, then the commission of inquiry crosses the line into the judicial area.

The infringement of the judicial function by investigating commissions is not a new problem. One commission was appointed to probe the arson of Al-Aksa mosque in 1969, shortly after the new law had gone into effect. The commission, headed by Supreme Court Justice Yoel Sussman, investigated security arrangements, the efficiency of governmental and municipal services in coping with the blaze, etc., but was careful not to enter the issue of who set the fire. The question of personal guilt was left to the courts, as this was clearly a judicial matter, to be determined by the ordinary procedures of criminal law.

Again, a High Court petition against the investigation of the Arafat murder a half-century ago was dismissed only because time and changing circumstances obviated the possibility of affecting the court decision of the case. The justices, in their opinions, expressed their concern that, under normal circumstances of dealing through a commission of inquiry with a matter within the judicial domain would be a serious breach of accepted constitutional norms.

THE DANGER of the Libai proposal is that it, in effect, gives to the

personal recommendation of a commission of inquiry the status of a court verdict. The right of appeal introduces an element of fairness, but it cannot change the basic character of the commissions procedures. These are not the ways courts operate. There is not the same status for the "accused," nor the same guarantees of his fundamental rights. The "accused" before a commission of inquiry can be confronted with evidence that would be inadmissible in a court of law. He is informed, under the law, how he might be harmed by the investigation; but this is a far cry from the explicit charges of a criminal trial.

The matter is further complicated by the bizarre "Bejski formula," under which the "accused" is "punished" not in accordance with the law as it is today, but as the committee believes it should be. Thus, if the bank managers do not resign, and are not discharged by the bank directors, then the governor of the Bank of Israel should appoint a surrogate manager for six months, as he is authorized in cases of prospective injury to the bank from the present management. If that doesn't work, then, says the Bejski report, the law should be changed so that its recommendation of lifetime suspension can be implemented. Here, the "punishment," if not the "crime," is to be applied on the basis of the retroactive application of a law that does not exist.

THE PROBLEM of the Bejski formula surfaced in the resignation of Moshe Mandelbaum as governor of the Bank of Israel. Mandelbaum was careful, in his letter of resignation, to specify that he was resigning because he was not prepared to carry out the policy of the Treasury. This is the statutory provision regarding the requirement of the governor to resign, under the law that created the central bank and was framed to preserve the independence of the governor. Shimon Peres, in accepting the resignation, went out of his way to state that Mandelbaum was resigning, not pursuant to the law, but pursuant to the recommendation of the Bejski commission. This would make the recommendation of the investigating committee not only a "verdict," but a "law" as well.

The commission of inquiry would, by this formula, achieve powers vastly greater than the Supreme Court itself. The justices of the court, in their judgments, do make recommendations, from time to time, that laws be changed or new laws initiated. Sometimes, but not always, these recommendations are acted upon by the government and the Knesset. But no one has ever imagined that the recommendations of the court with regard to legislation are mandatory, and the court would certainly never adjudicate on the basis of its recommendations. This, in effect, is what the Bejski Commission has done.

The effect of making the personal recommendations of an inquiry commission mandatory on the government is inevitably to make the government extremely wary of taking this route. It is time we stopped for a moment and took stock of the transformation that has occurred since the law on commissions of inquiry was enacted in 1968. First, the Knesset added the right (but not the duty) of the commission to make recommendations, ignoring the strictures of former justice minister Zadok that the job of such a commission is to investigate.

Then, former attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir uttered the legal opinion that, in a strange reading of the word "recommendation," personal recommendations of a commission of inquiry are binding on the government, unless it had particularly strong reasons for non-compliance. Lastly, we have an inquiry commission determining essentially penal sanctions, under a law which it recommends be enacted.

The real danger here is that the commissions of inquiry will put themselves out of business. The Libai proposal does not deal with this problem. Instead, it confirms the process of development that has led the commissions far afield from their proper function.

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On the making of myths

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"OF THE making of myths there is no end." In this folk saying, "myth" and plain fiction are confused, and there is the hint that prevarication is just around the corner. "Myth" is also a technical term among philosophers and theologians, and "true myths" are distinguished from "false myths." But let's talk about "myth" in the popular sense of the word, i.e. "myth" as something that isn't true. Self-serving myths of this kind, along with several pious fictions, are beginning to circulate in church circles about what the church was doing during the Third Reich and the Holocaust. In the long haul, these fictional re-writings of historical fact serve no good end.

Item: The rumour is being passed in some circles, and it has even appeared in print, that the martyr Maximilian Kolbe saved the life of a Jew. This was not claimed at the time the pope praised Kolbe's self-sacrifice during his Auschwitz visit. There is no evidence for it. Neither is there a tree in Kolbe's name at Yad Vashem.

At the time Kolbe was made a high profile figure by the church authorities, some indeed earlier people pointed out that he had earlier been the editor of a viciously anti-Semitic journal in Poland. The general consensus of Jews and Christians was that this unpleasant fact about his earlier life did not diminish the merit of his act of stepping in for the father of a family at a roll-call for death. No doubt the imagination at work to picture the man he saved as a Jew is pressed by the need to have Kolbe compensate for his earlier record of anti-Semitism.

Item: A series of selected documents is being published in Germany indicating some resistance to Nazism on the part of the church. So far, so good: there was some — not enough, but some. But in the introduction to the series it is written that while it is true that "the Jews" suffered under Nazism, "we Catholics" suffered, too. With a few individual exceptions, this is false — a "pious lie," perhaps, but fiction nevertheless.

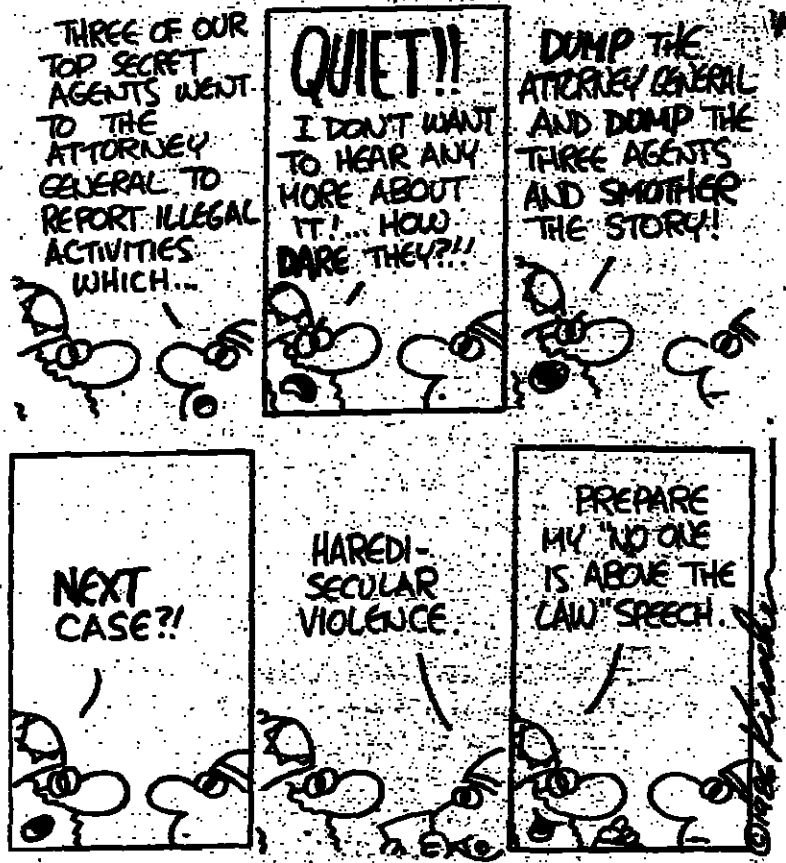
Item: When Martin Niemöller was lecturing after the U.S. after his release from eight-and-a-half years in concentration camps (three-and-a-half in solitary confinement) he closed his sermons on dozens of occasions with this personal warning:

*They came for the Communists, but I wasn't a Communist — so I didn't object;
They came for the Socialists, but I wasn't a Socialist — so I didn't object;
They came for the trade union leaders, but I wasn't a union leader — so I didn't object;
They came for the Jews, but I wasn't a Jew — so I didn't object;
Then they came for me — and there was no one left to object.*

This is the true version of what Niemöller said, and it is true to the facts of history.

IN RECENT years a corrupted version has been appearing in some circles. Instead of "they came for the Communists," there appears the initial and fictional phrase, "They came

Dry Bones



for the Catholics, but I wasn't a Catholic — so I didn't object." This version serves a practical purpose, like most white lies. First, it helps people to forget that immediately after the Reichstag fire, which the Nazi propaganda blamed on the Communists, in the atmosphere of public hysteria the Nazis whipped up, they were able to settle accounts with some of their old enemies. These enemies included leaders of the German Communist Party. Second, the version carries favour with those Roman Catholics who are more interested in good PR than in the truth.

But of course it is a fiction, even if under the rules of casuistry it qualifies as a "pious lie." The Nazis did not "come for the Catholics" at all. Hitler and Goebbels cut a deal which led to official church support of the Third Reich right through to the end of the war. In fact, on May 2, 1945, with Hitler dead in the bunker in Berlin, Cardinal Bertram of Breslau (the presiding bishop of the hierarchy) proposed a High Memorial Mass.

Those who respect the truth are not afraid to let the facts speak for themselves. The facts are clear: Maximilian Kolbe did not die to save a Jew.

The German Catholics did not suffer in the Third Reich like the Jews. (Neither did the German Protestants, who have so far not been so brash as to claim they did.)

The Nazis did not come for the Catholics in their programme of persecution and genocide. On the political side, they came for the Communists, Socialists, and labour unionists. On the religious side, they came for the "cults and sects" and for the Jews — and until he was killed

Reinhard Heydrich was the officer in charge of both liquidation programmes.

Martin Niemöller did not say "they came for the Catholics..." When asked about the corrupted version, Niemöller himself exclaimed, "I never said it! The Catholics take care of themselves..." Of course he spoke not only in indignation at the corruption of the lesson he had given dozens of times, but also with an edge of old-time Lutheran hostility to Roman Catholic apologetics.

In these ecumenical years, inter-religious hostility is generally frowned upon, and even fraternal criticism becomes difficult. But basic honesty requires resistance to the making and spreading of dangerous myths.

Old and dangerous myths are still rife. Pope John Paul II recently startled Jewish leaders by affirming — and precisely during what he thought to be a friendly statement — the old myth that the Roman Catholic Church supersedes "the old Israel" (the Jewish people). This superseding or displacement myth is one of the oldest fictions in the arsenal of Christian anti-Semitism. And some of these newer myths-in-the-making are potentially destructive.

Neither Jewish nor Protestant spokesmen should be accused of being "anti-Catholic" if they reject the myth-making approach to history, whether the invented myths, based on fictions and bolstered by pious lies, are embedded deep in ancient history or are 20th-century concoctions.

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READERS' LETTERS

HEALTH EFFECTS OF POLLUTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — Bernard Joseph's excellent front-page story of June includes a statement which I consider misleading. Attributed to Mr. Blix, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, the statement says that the amount of coal needed to produce 4000 MW (the rating of the Chernobyl reactor)... "would cost a certain number of casualties among miners and transport workers... and cause a certain number of cancer deaths." The former statement is unarguable, and the latter (that cancer deaths would be caused by coal burning power plants) is unsupported by evidence, and appears, in context of a defence of nuclear technology, to be intentionally misleading.

I have spent over 20 years collecting, evaluating and interpreting data

on the health effects of pollution. Cancer risks have been a major concern and power plants a major source of potentially preventable pollution. My work has been done with the California State Health Department, the World Health Organization, the U.S. National Cancer Institute, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and in Israel the Ministry of Health and the Environmental Protection Service.

I have been involved in the unique and informative health monitoring programme around the site of the Hadera plant. There is no evidence of any excess cancer risk from such coal-fired plants as Hadera.

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AISH HATORAH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — As former Vice-President of Canadian Young Judea, I can assure you that it can be assumed that, if Aish HaTorah were anti-Zionist, they would not invite Zionist leaders to address their programmes, nor would Zionist leaders agree to speak. To date, President Herzog has not only spoken, but has hosted a reception for Aish HaTorah's Jerusalem Fellowship programme.

In addition, Yitzhak Rabin, Ezer Weizman, Ariel Sharon and Moshe

Arens have spoken to the group. This year both Jewish Agency Head Aryeh Dulin and Minister of Education Yitzhak Navon will be holding receptions for this Aish HaTorah programme.

This should be proof enough to lay the anti-Zionist label to rest forever.

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A QUESTION OF ABORTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — It is appalling that the views expressed in Chaya Weinstein's letter (June 3) regarding abortion are uttered in the name of "the Jewish people." These views are racist, chauvinist and sexist, and have no place in a defence of Jewish peoplehood.

I wince to think that the writer as a woman fails to appreciate the severe psychological trauma to mothers who would be encouraged to bear a child and then give it up for adoption. Beyond the emotional anguish of bearing children for purposes of serving the needs of others, studies have shown that the number of abor-

tions by choice falls far short of the number of couples who seek to adopt a child. Many couples would still remain childless. Is not medical research a more humane way to deal with the problem of childlessness?

Finally, I resent the exploitation of the Holocaust on behalf of chauvinist principles. The six million Jews who were murdered cannot and must not be redeemed at the expense of suffering to a handful of women.

Abortion is not an issue of nationalism; it must be a personal choice, based on the needs and circumstances of those who consider it.

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